

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Final Minutes

Approved at October 9, 2013 meeting

Administration

- In attendance: Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor. Dijit explained that Natalie may not be able to continue to work on the committee because of new restrictions on the involvement of employees of the federal courts with local government.
- Minutes of August meeting accepted as presented
- Upcoming meeting dates: Nov 13, Dec 11 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library) All agree to continue meeting on 2nd Wednesday at the library – DT to reserve space for future meetings (Lucia will be late for 10/9/meeting)

Trails Group Report

- Trail marking, cutting and bridge construction – everything is or will be complete and usable by the 9/21 grand opening of the Hopkinton Village Greenway
- Signage – Custom signs for the Hopkinton Village Greenway have been ordered. Some glitches reported with Voss Signs. Caution signs also on order to warn users when nearly paved roads. Lee and Bob will install trail signs (with help from Ron or Rob if possible.) Natalie will install warning signs.
- Plans for Sept 21 Grand Opening – publicity is happening! Post cards announcing the event are in production. Natalie has met with Police Chief Pecora who will provide painted arrows, cones for crossing spots and officers to help with the busiest crossings. There will be some brief opening remarks, a ribbon cutting and two hikes – one to walk led by Cleve and one with Ron providing natural history information. Each will also need a sweep. There are 6 sponsors and several in kind donations. About 200 brochures with maps will be printed. These will be made available to the public after the grand opening. The Concord Monitor will do a story about the event. Sara will staff a table at the Farmer's Market that morning reminding people of the opportunity. Sara will make stickers for kids who complete the hike. Two volunteers have offered to organize and direct the parking.
- As Derek Owen is retiring from the Conservation Commission after 30 years of service, a brook along the new trail will be named for him. Bob LaPree will get two signs made -- one to put on the bridge that crosses the brook and one to be presented to Derek at the Grand Opening.

Projects

- Bohanan Boat access – Bob has moved the ramp so it is more stable and useable
- South Road – Appraisal has been agreed to with cons com paying half and Forest Society paying half.

- Beyer Conservation Easement – no new information

Updates

- Website – Progress is being made. The material all needs to be moved from its current location to the new site with new domain name and hosting service. Thanks for Denis Goddard for all the work he has done on it, to Kathy Barnes for the updates and improvements she is making for a very reasonable price and to the conservation commission for footing the bill.
- Rail trail expansion – Bob met with the Warner Conservation Commission and the rail trail bike enthusiasts. The hope is to establish a trail from Concord to Newbury (the old Concord to Claremont rail line). Bob explained the opportunities (Stevens Rail Trail and Mast Yard) and challenges (buildings in old right of way between Tyler and Little Tookie) in Hopkinton.

Landowner Outreach

- Plans were made for outreach to the three landowners who have expressed an interest or who could help provide improvements to the Hopkinton Village Greenway.
- Dijit will acquire copies of *Conserving Your Land – Options for New Hampshire Landowners*, to share with two of the landowners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted

Dijit Taylor, Recorder